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## Washington State Department of Agriculture

### AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR 1 In-Training Position

Range 28 \$2016 - \$2598 per month

Yakima, Washington

### Come Join our Diverse and Dedicated Team

The Washington State Department of Agriculture serves the people of Washington State by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection.

The Department employs over 500 employees on a permanent basis and up to 200 additional employees on a nonpermanent basis for various seasonal work load needs in jobs ranging from brand inspectors, grain inspectors, and food safety officers, to computer information consultants and accountants. Offices and employees are located throughout the state.

The Washington State Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program provides an accurate, unbiased inspection of fruits and vegetables, phytosanitary certification, shipping point inspection, third party grading of raw product for processing and export certification and licenses controlled atmosphere storage facilities for factors affecting the marketability and export of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables for the fresh and processing industry and consuming public. We offer:

- 11 Paid Holidays
- Sick and Vacation Leave
- Retirement
- Health, Dental and Vision
- Life and Long Term Disability
- (Optional) Dependent Care Assistance
- and Deferred Compensation Programs
- Free Training
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Employee Recognition
- And Much More

This is a full-time, permanent position. In a training capacity, performs routine inspection and certification of fruits and vegetables for compliance with State and federal regulations. May be required to work occasional swing and graveyard shifts and weekends. This is a 12-month in-training to an Agricultural Inspector 2, range 34 \$2317 - \$2994 per month.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from High School or GED.

**NOTE:** Licensing by the US Department of Agriculture to inspect the commodity(s) to which assigned is required within 30 days of appointment to this class. A valid license to operate a motor vehicle in Washington State is required. Positions require the lifting of packaged commodities which may weigh up to 100 pounds. IN ADDITION, candidates must have dependable transportation available to them throughout their work shift in order to report to different work locations.

As a condition of employment, this position is covered under a collective bargaining agreement. Employees are required to pay regular union dues or non-association fees (due to religious tenets) within thirty calendar days following employment.

**EXAMINATION:** The examination for all candidates will consist of a pass/fail written test designed to evaluate the applicant's knowledge, abilities and aptitude to perform the duties of the position; may also include a pass/fail performance test designed to measure the applicants physical ability to handle 50 lb. cartons and/or 100 lb bags. The written examination includes questions testing knowledge of basic mathematics. Candidates may use silent calculators for this examination. Those who pass the exams will be placed on a certified list.

#### HOW TO APPLY – DO NOT APPLY THROUGH CAREERS.WA.GOV

Send a completed application (<http://www.dop.wa.gov/Pages/forms.aspx>) no later than **February 1, 2010** to:

**WSDA Fruit & Vegetable Inspection**  
21 N First Ave, Ste 226  
Yakima, WA 98902

**Do not worry about a recruitment announcement number on the application.**

For more information about our agency and its mission, visit our website at

**[www.agr.wa.gov](http://www.agr.wa.gov)**

*The State of Washington actively supports diversity in the workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants who need assistance in the application process or who need this announcement in an alternative format may call (360) 902-1979 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at 800-833-6388.*